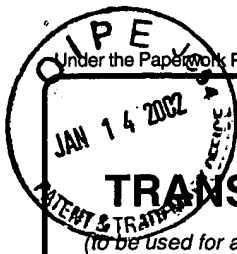


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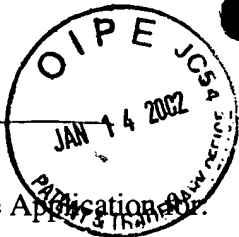
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2001, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claim 18. Presented below are all amended claims in clean unmarked form.

The claims in marked-up form are presented as an attachment.

1. 14. (Amended) A catheter unit comprising:

a housing coupled to a tubular introducer sheath, the tubular introducer sheath having a proximal end, a distal end, and a hollow lumen extending longitudinally therethrough;

a needle having a sharpened distal tip and a hollow bore extending longitudinally therethrough, the needle being disposed coaxially within the lumen of the introducer sheath;

an elongated blunting member having a hollow lumen extending longitudinally therethrough and having an open proximal end adjacent to a flash chamber and a blunt distal tip, the elongated blunting member being disposed coaxially within the bore of the needle;